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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1615

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For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE DEGRADATION OF AN  
ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as  
follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in  
the attached appendix:

22. (Amended) A composition for stabilization of an  
active agent, comprising:

a plurality of multilamellar vesicles in the form of a  
regular stack of concentric bi-layers comprising at least one  
surfactant, said regular stack of concentric bi-layers  
extending from each vesicle core to periphery, and being